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Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following art that the Examiner might consider relevant in connection with the examination of the above Application.

USP 5,989,112	Long	November 1999
USP 5,810,650	Jost	Sept. 1998
USP 3,754,359	Scandaletos	Aug. 1973

The above patents all teach the use of various systems to extract dust from a workpiece surface being sanded by a rotary disc sander. Jost and Scandaletos provide holes over the whole surface of the disc, thereby sacrificing valuable grinding area. Long requires that the holes align with the dust extraction holes in a backing pad. The present invention requires no special alignment and maximizes the amount of abrading surface.

In addition to the above art, Applicants are aware of other more distant art and is prepared to supply details thereof upon request.

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